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TITLE:	PROTECTION FILM FOR BASE SHEET	) <u>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL</u>

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 27, 2003. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to December 27, 2003. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.